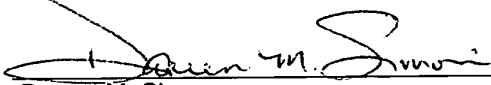
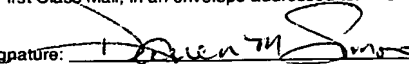




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In response to the Office Action dated July 13, 2006, finally rejecting claims **1-4, 18-21, and 40-43**, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows: